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Dear Claude,

Thanks for the open ticket and the note.

It is because I don't know when I'll be making the trip that I asked for an open ticket.

I was to have gotten a call this week telling me when.

There is still today to this week.

If the project gets scrubbed, I'll return the ticket. I still expect to make the trip.

I did it this way for two reasons. This way you get the commission. If I had gotten it locally, I would have had to borrow the money because I have just cleaned us out to add to the collection of some money long owed us enough to pay off our indebtedness to the bank. After all these years!. (Not all our debt, just what we owed the bank, which was most of what we owed.)

What I have been doing, your question, has no simple answer. More of the same and more not the same.

Thus this trip.

You say traffic is now heavy to Miami.

What I had planned is to take a good book with me and just go to National and await the first availability. Unless I am told to be there at a specific time. Is this impractical?

We still look forward to your coming up. Getting pretty here now.

Recently a young woman whose name is an Anglicized version of yours appeared in the news. Any relationship?

Many thanks.